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C O N F I D E N T I A L TANANARIVE 0586

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SUBJ: FRANCO- MALAGASY NEGOTIATIONS

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1. FRENCH SECSTATE FOR COOPERATION JEAN- FRANCOIS DENIAU, HEAD OF FRENCH DELEGATION FOR RENEGOTIATION COOPERATION ACCORDS WITH MALAGASY REPUBLIC, ARRIVED TANANARIVE APR 28. ATMOSPHERE FOR RESUMPTION NEGOTIATIONS AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL GOOD AS MALAGASY FONMIN RATSIRAKA MET HIM AT AIRPORT AND GAVE OFFICIAL LUNCHEON SAME DAY FOR HIM AND BALANCE FRENCH DELEGATION.

2. QUESTIONED BY PRESS, DENIAU INDICATED HE COULD NOT SAY HOW LONG NEGOTIATIONS WOULD LAST. HE ALSO COMMENTED IT POSSIBLE HE MIGHT HAVE TO RETURN PARIS FOR CONSULTATION DURING COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS. IN ANY CASE, DENIAU AND RATSIRAKA SET IMMEDIATELY TO WORK, HOLDING OFFICIAL WORKING SESSIONS BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, APR 28 AND 29.

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3. IF NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE THIS WEEK ON COURSE OF
NEGOTIATIONS, EMBASSY PLANS TRY TAKE SOUNDINGTOWARD END WEEK
AS BASIS FOR FURTHER RECOMMENDATION ABOUT PROPOSED U. S. 4- SHIP
NAVAL VISIT TO MADAGASCAR LATER IN MAY.
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